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Interesting correspondence from Florida and from San Francisco, and other articles are unavoidably deferred until next week.

## NEW JERSEY DOM.

One hundred and forty conversations are reported in the Clinton street church, Newark, this winter.

The employee in DeWitt's Wire Mill, Belleville, have given \$22.75 for Kansas and Nebraska.

The Catholic Diocese of Newark has sent \$585.65 to Paris for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Livingston charge, Newark Conference, is enjoying a revival. Eighteen joined the church January 3d. The pastor, J. A. Gutteridge, has been aided by students, from the Drew Seminary.

A large lot has been given to the Methodist Mission Sunday-school of East Orange by Dr. Vail, for the purpose of a chapel.

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